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Pontoon library Carriers' drive huge success forced to close

Village to attempt to fund district

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A referendum on creating and funding a library district in Pontoon Beach will most likely be on the November ballot.

At Tuesday's Village Board meeting, Mayor Glen Wilson said he would close the library the next day after Village Attorney Brian Polinske told them the village could not fund the library.

Polinske was asked to research the matter after questions about the legality of funding the library were raised at a previous board meeting.

In a memo to the board read by Trustee Mike Whitsell, Polinske said the library was not legally established because a referendum to fund it was voted down in 1989.

At that time the village passed an ordinance creating a free library, with the stipulation that village funds not be used for it.

Instead, a head tax of \$1 per resident and 35 cents per acre of land was to be used. However, that proposal was defeated at the polls.

The village attempted to form the

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Mayor Glen Wilson
Pontoon Beach

library district to avoid being taken in by the Granite City Library District.

A major complaint was that village children would have to travel too far to use the library.

At first, the library was funded through private sources — including a number of fund raisers — but eventually the village began providing funding.

For the coming year, Whitsell, chairman of the Finance Committee, said approximately \$40,000 had been budgeted.

Polinske said to create a library district, petitions from 100 registered voters must be received before a referendum is passed. A tax rate of between

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Granite City postal carrier Bill Barton collects a donation from one of the residents on his route.

**Residents respond
to pantries' needs**

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Thousands of area residents opened their cupboards and pantries Saturday as postal workers collected goods for the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive.

The carriers of the National Association of Letter Carriers AFL-CIO joined with more than 1,300 other branches nationwide collecting food for local food banks. Carriers picked up the food while delivering the day's mail.

In Granite City, carriers of Branch 1132 lead the collection efforts. The food will be distributed among several local food pantries.

Doug Winfield, a delivery supervisor for the Granite City post office, said the carriers collected approximately 12,000 pounds of food.

"It was very successful," he said. "They got more this year than last year."

The drive is the biggest in the nation, Winfield said, and the unions deserve much credit.

Yearly the various unions collect millions of pounds of food nationwide. Mike Elliff, president of AFSCME, said that in 1997, the carriers collectively

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Labor board agrees to hear homes case

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The Illinois State Labor Relations Board has filed a formal complaint and agreed to conduct a hearing on a grievance by a union representing a nursing and sheltered care homes.

The original complaint — filed April 20 by Council 31 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees — claims the county has violated state law by voting to close Madison County's nursing

Claim says Madison County violated state law

and sheltered care homes. State law requires negotiations with the union, the complaint said.

On Tuesday Buddy Maupin, regional director of the AFSCME, held a press conference to demand that the ISLRB grant a hearing.

"The news here today is that the labor board issued a complaint on the county," he said. "It's no longer just

our union saying they broke the law."

He compared the complaint to an indictment and said the ISLRB conducted an impartial investigation and found "probable cause to conclude the county's conduct has violated the law."

The hearing will be held in Springfield; a time has not been announced. The County Board recently voted

15-13 to close the homes because the operations are projected to continue to lose money. The board voted after two tax referendums failed and were suspended. The continued operations were defeated in the March elections.

Residents have been given until Nov. 30 to find new homes. About one-third have already left.

Maupin said union officials met

with county officials May 7 and asked if the issuing of the complaint would cause the county to reconsider its action.

Maupin said that County Administrator Jim Monday told him "the decision to refuse the bargain was a legislative decision" and only the Board could change that.

According to the complaint, the AFSCME maintains that eliminating jobs by closing the homes is a "mandatory subject of bargaining" between the union and the county.

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Second bombing incident has city resident worried

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Another small, homemade bomb has exploded at a Granite City residence.

Persons unknown set off a chemical concoction in a soda bottle about 10:30 p.m. Saturday on the 2400 block of Kilarney, causing some damage to the lawn, said the home's owner.

The woman said her family had just moved in recently, and the house

had previously belonged to a police officer.

She said she heard what sounded like a shotgun blast outside the home. She found the remains of the homemade bomb lying on the lawn.

The bomb was hurt, but the woman

said her daughter is scared to sleep in her room now, because the bomb exploded near her window.

"It left residue from the explosion (on the yard). There's even a bald

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SCOTT KELLY / Press-Record

'Whatever' thrills audience

By Toby Carrig
Staff writer

The marquee at the Gateway Center in Collinsville simply said "The Artist" was performing Tuesday night.

The tickets, which were priced at \$60 a pop, said "The Artist" was most of the crowd attending the show were fans dating back to the days when The Artist was known as Prince.

Estimated at 1,800 people, the crowd watched The Artist display a blend of his new musical personality and old school funk played by his band, New Power Generation — with the Prince songs

(See PRINCE, Page 4A)



Memorial battle — Above, American Infantry advance on German positions during a recent reenactment at Jefferson Barracks National Park. The Armed Forces Museum of Greater St. Louis, which just moved out of its 10-year Granite City home, sponsored the two-day event. At left, American soldiers move one of their own fallen to a safer location toward the end of the battle. For more pictures, see People, Page 1C.

OPINION

CAPITAL FACTS

Political cat jumps out of the Democratic bag

Some Springfield types are starting to get nervous.

The two political parties in Springfield don't always get along, but they usually manage to stay relatively mute about corruption in each other's camps. Nobody's hands are 100 percent clean under the state House dome, and everyone on both sides knows this. But, for the last couple of weeks the House Republicans have been taking potshots at each other over the alleged misuse of state funds for political purposes, and that's giving some insiders the jitters.

The fight started when the House Republicans helped along a story about how an unpopular former Democratic state legislator, Glenn Bradford, had gotten a \$20,000 contract from the House Democrats shortly after he resigned his seat. Illinois Speaker Michael Madigan believed at the time that Bradford would probably not win his re-election, so Bradford got the old heave-ho, along with a tidy little sum.

The Republicans cried foul about the alleged "quid pro quo," which would be illegal if proved, but they screamed bloody murder when Dennis admitted that Bradford was never assigned any work for his pay.

The Dems tried to explain this as an administrative error, but the Repubs kept up their public fuming.

Democratic retaliation for the Bradford story was expected, particularly since the piece just happened to break a few days before Madigan was elected chairman of the state Democratic Party.

A newspaper article soon surfaced about the curious assignment by the House of Republicans of a full-time, state-paid staffer to the district office of Rep. Ron Stephens R-Troy.

The staffer was supposedly working to create a fish farm at a state prison near Pinckneyville, in deep Southern Illinois, and the Britches were away from Stephens' Metro East office and the staffer has logged only three or four trips to the Pinckneyville site.

The staffer has, however, been reimbursed for more than \$3,000 worth of travel expenses from Stephens' office and Springfield since last July. Each member of the House Republican "policy" staff is assigned to cover a state representative race. This particular staffer's responsibility is Steve Reeb, a Swedish Republican who was recruited last summer to challenge Bradford.

About the same time the staffer began making his regular, state-subsidized communities between Springfield and Stephens' district office, the House Repubs recruited Reeb to run against then-Rep. Bradford. Stephens' district borders former Rep. Bradford's dis-



Rich Miller

trict.

Basically, what happened here is that the Repubs gave the staff person a state payscale and a state expense account to work in the area on "official business": the Pinckneyville fish farm project an hour away that he almost never went to. Right after work he could drive from Pinckneyville or a 45-minute haul from Springfield.

Legislative leaders always claim that their staffs never do campaign work unless they're off duty.

That's not true.

The House Repubs have their policy staff and the House Democrats have what they call an "issues staff." The exclusive focus of both staffs and their counterparts in the Senate is to help politically vulnerable members get re-elected.

We do this by helping the legislators write bills that would be popular with the folks back home. They also help put together constituent service programs and assist members in dealing with their local problems.

And they make sure that their members don't vote for or against bills that could cause big trouble in the next election.

In their "off-duty" hours, the staffers run most aspects of the campaigns, from setting up campaign headquarters to volunteers, to making sure the candidates get where they're supposed to go every day.

A few months before the campaign they'll take unpaid leaves of absence and go to work full time for the candidates.

They are highly trained, incredibly motivated, underpaid, underappreciated, hard workers who simply wouldn't exist unless there was a job to go to between elections. Practically speaking, it would be way too expensive to keep all those people on campaign payroll year in and year out.

Up until the other day, the staff's role almost never had become less and less proficient. Riley reported that S. fourth graders were at the top, but fell to average by eighth grade and dropped to the bottom by 12th grade.

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By 12th grade, when we were still teaching and telling the same students we taught to teach, while four of our grade eight, foreign student 12th graders lost about 27 percent of their student body. Hence, we are now comparing all of our 12th-graders to the top 40 percent of 12th-grade foreign students.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bad apples

TO THE EDITOR:

During their recent visit to Granite City, U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun were critical of the state's schools. The Press-Record quoted Moseley-Braun in referring to the Third International Mathematics and Science Study, as dead among American students "came in dead last in math and science in international competition." One quarter of 49 parents had their children buckled up.

The implication is that as students progress through American schools they become less and less proficient. Riley reported that S. fourth graders were at the top, but fell to average by eighth grade and dropped to the bottom by 12th grade.

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OWEN E. HUMPHREY
Granite City

Seconds the motion

TO THE EDITOR:

In April 19 edition of the Granite City Journal, a grandmother had written to express her concern that parents were not using their child's seatbelts when crossing seatbelts. This lady said as she waited for her grandchild to get out of school, she did a quick survey of seatbelts usage among students being picked up by their parents. Of 49 students, 45 parents had their children buckled up.

Reducing unintentional injury related to traffic accidents is one of the priorities for the Madison County Partnership on Community Health. As the chair of the committee, I was pleased to learn that I contacted the school and the principal is working with us to provide seatbelt education for students and parents. Although these people are probably very concerned about the general safety of their children, sometimes people need a reminder about how important it is to see that children are properly restrained when riding in a vehicle.

MCPCH is a collaborative group of community organizations and citizens (that) developed as a community component to the Madison County Health Department Committee's work in the community to promote the Department's health priorities. We appreciate citizens like this grandmother who take the time to make people aware of the need to buckle up the kids! Properly restraining children while riding in a motor vehicle is simple and effective way to save lives and reduce injury.

JEAN SCHIRAM
Chestnut Health Systems
Maryville

Now hear this

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish they would standardize all television remote controls. We have three televisions and each has its own remote. The fact that none of the buttons are in the same place on any of them often causes me a problem.

This problem arises because I have to keep the set turned down to where it is barely audible to me because my lovely wife Carol's hearing has become so acute over the years.

Her ultra acute hearing causes another problem. I have noticed that since her hearing is so good, she thinks she doesn't have to talk very loud. It doesn't occur to her to use a little cotton in her ears to lessen the hearing aid noise.

She has mentioned a hearing aid for me but that would be ignoring the real problem, her ultra sensitive ears. Besides, cotton is cheaper.

Anyway, when the set is turned down so low because of Carol's hearing, and a new item coming up that I might be especially interested in, I grab the remote and without looking, push the button that I think will turn up the volume.

It is that button that I have never turned it off or changes the channel. By the time I recovered they have gone on to a different story.

Another problem I have carried a remote from another TV and got no reaction at all even after I have nearly squeezed the apparatus to death.

Worse than that occurs when Carol (who has the only regular job in our home) receives a business call and I have the set turned up to a comfortable volume level.

She demonstrably turns her back on the set and "me," sticks a finger in one ear, the receiver in the other and cups the mouth piece, my cue to turn the thing down.

I spring into action and push the mute button — no reaction. I push again — still no reaction. I have the wrong remote!

Carol is folding herself around the phone now while I frantically look around the house, shuffling papers, to find the right one and when I do, I quickly push the volume button.

Unfortunately I am holding it backward. Oh, it operates that way but now I am pushing the volume up instead of down. I keep trying and as the volume increases until the dust is flying off the remote.

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VOICE BOX

With all the magazines available today, which is your favorite, and why?



"People Magazine. It has good stories in it. I like to hear about celebrities."

Sue Taylor, 26
saleswoman



"Soap Opera Magazine, because of all the good-looking men. I watch some soaps, and the people are in that magazine."

Candy McCarthy, 33
child-care worker



"Good Housekeeping, because it has everything that I'm looking for. It has recipes, stories, health articles and decorating; and it's a good Christian magazine, it has no filth in it."

Wanetta Talley, 75
retired cashier



"People. Because it tells you the true facts about celebrities. It's not like the tabloids."

Joyce Marrs, 40
homemaker



"I like the tabloids, because you get a lot of good gossip. It's fun to read about everyone. My husband loves to read them, too. They are fun."

Edith McIntire, 65
homemaker

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NEWS

Simon: Public can be proud of law enforcement officers

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Even though he retired from political office, former Sen. Paul Simon still is involved in public affairs.

Now a professor at Southern Illinois University, Simon spoke Monday at the Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th annual Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner, held at the St. Gregory Armenian Hall in Granite City.

Guests for the event were members of the Venice, Madison, Pontiac Beach and Granite City police departments, as well as the Illinois State Police, Madison County Sheriff's Department, the Madison County Probation Department and other individuals who serve the area.

"Those of you in law enforcement, as well as your colleagues in the area of fire protection, know that when you enter that particular type of service, there are risks and risks," Simon said. "But you're taking added risks to make ours a better society."

The senator has long been a friend of law enforcement. While serving in the Illinois legislature, he sponsored much of the legislation for both the state and municipal police and fire departments.

As a U.S. senator, after learning about DNA testing in England, he held the first hearings on DNA testing and secured the first appropriations from Congress for its use by law enforcement agencies.

"We don't have all (DNA testing) standards perfected yet, but it is a big step forward in law enforcement in this country and to protect innocent people who may be charged," he said.



JOHN FRESE /Press-Record

Pictured above, from left, are Peggy Milton; Walter Milton, chairman of the crime prevention and awareness committee; Jane Simon; former Sen. Paul Simon; and R.C. Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. At right, Simon thanks Quad-City police agencies at the 12th annual Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner.



"We have to reach across the barriers of race, creed and ethnic backgrounds, to really become one people. This is important in law enforcement."

"What we have to do is reach out to build a base of understanding in our country if we're going to have the type of country that we should have."

"All of you can play a special role. Police officers, by reaching out, you talk to more people every day except the barber. You have that chance to reach out," Simon said.

Simon says plenty about variety of today's important topics

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Highlights of former Sen. Paul Simon's speech at the Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce's 12th Annual Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner May 11 included:

Drug education/treatment — Each in his senate career, Simon met with law officials in Chicago, which had a large concentration of crime.

"One officer" said "Don't ask us what to do, buy ourself. You have to stop the demand," Simon said.

A few years ago, Simon learned that many inmates prisons, even though inmates want drug treatment, the prisons are unable to accommodate them all. Today in the Chicago area, there is a six-month wait for those who want drug treatment. "That's dyna-

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Ret. Sen. Paul Simon

mite."

"We have to make sure drug treatment is available for people who need it and want it," he said.

Poverty — Simon said there is a higher percentage of African-American children living in poverty than in any other industrialized nation.

Simon now heads the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. For weeks ago, his group had an unusual, unique gathering of 26 religious leaders nationwide, including such diverse leaders as the heads of the Unitarian Church and the Nation of Islam.

Education — More also needs to be done in education, to help schools in the area. More than 80 percent of prison inmates nationwide are high school dropouts, he said.

"You don't have to be an Ein-

stein to figure out if we did a better job in the field of education we wouldn't have to be building so many prisons," Simon said.

"Overwhelmingly, people in this country can be proud of those who are law enforcement officials," Simon said to more than 200 guests.

For the balance of his talk, Simon spoke with authority in his usual polite, quiet way — about the need for the whole nation to come together across all barriers.

He reminded them that law officials cannot do everything alone. Simon touched on several topics that he said must be addressed, such as education, drug treatment, television violence and gun laws.

Ret. Sen. Paul Simon

turned on his television set, and the first thing he saw was a gruesome murder.

He said he was old enough to know it wasn't real.

"What happens to a 10-year-old who watches this?" he said, he asked himself.

He received a four-university study reported 73 percent of television violence in America shows no adverse consequences for the person committing the acts.

Only 4 percent has an anti-violence theme, Simon said.

"So the lesson being learned by children is, 'If I violated pay off,' he said. "I think we have to recognize we're doing harm to ourselves."

Television violence — This was one of the last issues Simon faced while in the Senate. He said he didn't know what makes two young boys in Jonesboro, Ark., do an unspeakable killing and shooting themselves.

"My guess is it's a mosaic," he said. "I think one of them is the entertainment violence on television." On television, the senator stayed overnight in a motel and

drunken "big talk."

Smith tried to use the alleged plan against McGiffen at a detention hearing last week, saying McGiffen's intentions were dangerous.

Riley, however, never mentioned the other allegations in his ruling, focusing instead on claims that found possession of an illegal weapon to be a violent crime.

McGiffen's attorney, Douglas Forsyth of St. Louis, argued that the man accused of a weapon did not disclose violent intent. Forsyth said McGiffen wanted to put his affairs in order before serving his sentence.

Weicherding allegedly was involved in a plot to sell illegal weapons and used his proceeds to fund a bombing and assassination campaign against blacks and Jews.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Norman Smith said the men called their group the New Order, but McGiffen said the plot was just

drunken "big talk."

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Weicherding had asked for release because of medical problems, which include diabetes and colitis.

According to the judge's ruling, Weicherding may not leave Southern Illinois without any weapons nor have any contact with members of the alleged conspiracy.

• Library

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15 and 60 cents per \$100
assessed value could be
assessed. Board members said
they felt the minimum tax rate
which would add \$15 in taxes
to a \$30,000 home — could

be passed.
The earliest the issue could
be on the ballot would be in November.

Polinske was instructed by
the board to prepare both petitions
and a referendum.

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located in Oakmont Shopping Center on Pontoon Road —
would be closed Wednesday.

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"I hate to do it."

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NEWS

Homes

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He said that although the county has been willing to discuss "impact bargaining" issues such as severance pay, it has made no attempt at "decision bargaining" on whether the homes should be closed in the first place.

Maupin said the union had ideas about how to keep the homes going and financially viable.

He declined to name any specific plans, saying it should

be a matter of negotiation between the union and county.

"The problem is that to date they have refused (to bar-gain)," he said.

He also said the county could pay "quite a price" in back pay and other fines and fees if the board rules against the county.

"We believe we can sit down with the county and show how we can make the Madison County Nursing Home viable," he said.

very pleased with Saturday's drive.

"Better than 250,000 pounds of food (was collected)," Finnigan said. "It's probably enough to carry us through the summer."

Summertime is critical for those in need, he said, because families no longer have access to food pantries and meal programs. The supplies from the Food Bank and other agencies help fill the gap.

Food Bank will spread the donated food to 32 agencies throughout Illinois and Missouri counties in the greater St. Louis area, he said.

The Letter Carriers' drive is second only in size to the annual Boy Scouts food drive, he said.

The local carriers had the support of the United Way, Campbells Soup and UAW/Saturn for the May 9 collection.

AUCTION

VFW Post 1300, 2044 Washington Ave., Granite City will hold their annual Charity Auction for the Rehabilitation FUND for Veterans & Family.

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AROUND THE AREA

Here's what happened around the Metro East in the past week:

Belleville Family found dead in home

What police are calling a triple murder-suicide has left a family of four dead in Belleville. Police discovered the bodies of Bruce Kettler, 43; his wife, Debra Lee (Lori), 38; and their two daughters, Nichole, 11, and Noelle, 7, in the living room of their home.

Belleville police responded to the home at 17th and Florida after receiving a call from Bruce Kettler's parents, expressing concern for the well-being of their son and his family.

Neighbors reportedly had not seen any activity at the house, papers were stacked on the front porch, and the grass had not been cut.

POLICE speculate that Bruce Kettler killed his family members before turning the gun on himself.

East St. Louis

Superintendent is Lincoln grad

The East St. Louis Board of

Education has selected a native East St. Louisan and Lincoln High School graduate as the district's new superintendent.

The school board chose Nathaniel C. Anderson from three candidates selected in a national search by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Anderson will start work July 1; he will be officially appointed to the post at the next monthly school board meeting.

According to an IASB personal information form, Anderson is a principal and assistant superintendent for the Rock Island Central School District, which has 7,000 students, 375 professional staff members and an annual budget of \$56 million.

Anderson, a 1969 Lincoln graduate, has 16 years of administrative experience, including involvement in the merger of two high schools in Decatur.

O'Fallon

House explodes, rocks O'Fallon

At about 3:20 a.m. Sunday, the Peters' home on 119 Delmar Ave. in O'Fallon exploded.

"All I can say it's a miracle that we got out of there," said Marvin Peters late Sunday morning as he scoured through the remains of his former house. "I'm just thankful it

wasn't any worse than it was."

Several neighbors teamed up with O'Fallon police officer Kevin McDaniel and volunteer firefighters Sunday night. Firefighters who responded to the explosion about a half mile from his own home — to pull the Peters out of the house before it burst into flames.

"It was a real wake up call," said Marvin Peters.

Only a few hours earlier, the Peters returned from Miami. The couple was vacationing there to celebrate their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary on May 22.

Dola Peters had surgery Sunday afternoon to remove glass from her knee at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. According to the hospital spokesman, she was listed in fair condition. Marvin Peters was not injured.

The fire also destroyed the Peters' attached garage and damaged other parts. But the neighbors saved the Peters' detached garage. Marvin said he can't get his truck out, though.

Fire Chief David Little said the explosion was caused by a buildup of propane gas due to an apparent leak somewhere in the line.

Waterloo

EMT wants record expunged

Waterloo insurance broker

Michael Wightman said recently his suspicion he'd been involved in a 1991 crime was a "\$1,000.00" police grilling on (his) back.

The burning was lifted when Wightman and co-defendant John B. Hellig were found not guilty of criminal property damage in an April 29 bench trial before Sixth Circuit Judge Patrick Young. Wightman now seeks to have the incident expunged from his record.

Wightman was working as a part-time emergency medical technician for the Waterloo Ambulance Service when the alleged vandalism occurred on March 29, 1997.

Another part of the proposal would be a 30-year contract,

Haeman said.

For the past several months, Illinois American has been trying to dissuade MEMJAWA from buying water from the St. Louis Water District. The new water agency is made of the city of Columbia and the Comptonfields of Cahokia Water District.

MEMJAWA has considered plans to construct a pipeline under the Mississippi River to

bring the water to the Cahokia-Columbia area and concluded an agreement with the St. Louis district that was approved by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen in December 1996.

Dupo

Residents pool drainage concerns

About 20 people gathered at Dupo Village Hall Monday to ask the Board of Trustees to prevent their homes from becoming lakefront property after heavy rains.

The trustees agreed that Fifth and Sixth streets between Godwin and Lindemann avenues have had enough of standing water after recent rains. What isn't clear is why.

Residents said the subdivision's builder failed to provide adequate drainage.

But trustee Charlie Frederick took a different tack.

Columbia/Cahokia

Agency may tap IAWC's services

A proposal for a long-term contract and cheaper rates has brought a source back in the

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Bob Emig

Kypta keeps Cards fans stocked with merchandise

For those who know Jami Kypta, they shouldn't be surprised that she has quickly moved up through the ranks of Sportservice to her current position as seasonal retail manager.

Kypta, a Collinsville resident, has always been one to make things happen. A mother of six — three boys and three girls — ranging in age from 6 to 18, she seemingly is always on the go. That kinetic energy and organizational skills made her a perfect fit for her job at Busch Stadium with Sportservice.

As the seasonal retail manager, Kypta, 38, is in charge of all the merchandise at the stadium. Depending on attendance, she is responsible anywhere from 27 to 35 permanent stands, stores and portable carts. The majority of people work at those locations approximately 100. It's Kypta's job to make sure that the selling of the merchandise goes smoothly.

"I really haven't had any nightmares," Kypta said. "Most of the time things run pretty smoothly. There are always things which come up, of course, which you can't predict. But you just deal with it."

Kypta started at Sportservice in the fall of 1995 when a friend said workers were needed at Busch Stadium to sell programs for the Rams games. She figured she'd work the five Rams games at Busch Stadium before the team moved to the TWA Dome and then she would return to working exclusively at Cardinals games. "It's funny. But Sportservice asked her back in the spring of 1996 to sell scorecards at Cardinals games and to fill in when needed at the permanent merchandise stands."

Kypta was hooked. She returned for the 1997 Cardinals season, working the permanent stands and also serving as a retail supervisor. She rose to her current position as seasonal retail manager last February.

"It's a job I love," Kypta says. "Both Sportservice and the Cardinals are great to work for. It's like one big family."

Kypta caters to a lot of families in her job, leaving lasting memories as they pick up souvenirs from Cardinals games. Cardinals merchandise is all over, inside and outside the stadium. Sportservice sells caps, banners, Team baseball caps, bats, bases, No. 1 foam fingers and and novelty items like jewelry, care accessories, keychains, photos and mini bats.

Permanent stands are located throughout the stadium while a game ticket holder can also purchase apparel items at three shops located within the stadium — The Fan Zone Cap Store, The Fan Zone Family Pavilion and The Official Cardinal Team Store, which replaced the Hall of Fame Gift Shop.

When the Cardinals aren't playing, the Team Store is open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. seven days each week except for weekends from mid-January until the end of March.

A lot of people don't know is that Sportservice offers two portable discount carts of merchandise marked 50 percent off.

Kypta took the show on the road, so to speak, last November when she managed the Cardinals' Dugout store at Crossroads Plaza through mid-January.

"It's the first time the Cardinals have had a retail outlet outside the stadium in recent years," Kypta said. "I'm not sure if they will do it again or whether they'll add other locations. I liked doing it, though, because it allowed me to work year-round, rather than taking off during that time."

Among her other duties with Sportservice, Kypta is responsible for training the vendors, scheduling and preparing commission figures for payroll. She's a knowledgeable baseball fan, but she doesn't get much time to watch the games in progress. While the games are being played, she's busily preparing for the next game.

"I'm working on re-orders," Kypta says.

Before starting with Sportservice, Kypta was busy with her children. She regularly served as her children's godmother as a board member with the Collinsville Baseball/Softball League and in different roles with Sts. Peter and Paul School and parish. In looking back, Kypta said her volunteer work helped prepare her for her present job with Sportservice. "I was able to transfer those people

Lady Warriors finish fourth at Cahokia

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

One of the highlights of the Granite City softball team came last weekend in the Cahokia Tournament when the team finished a fourth-place finish out of 16 teams.

Despite a 7-4 loss to Herrin in the third-place game, Granite City (6-11) won its first four games in the tournament. The Warriors upset fourth-seeded O'Fallon 9-6 in the first round and defeated Quincy Notre Dame 11-0 in the quarterfinals before losing 3-2 to top-seeded Belleville East in the semifinals.

"We came to play," said Granite City assistant coach Brian Harshany, who ran the team Saturday in the absence of head coach Deb Germann, whose daughter was in a wedding.

PREP SOFTBALL

That 3-2 game against Belleville East could easily have gone the other way around, but fourth place in this tournament is nothing to shake your head at.

"We were short-gamed against East the first time we played them, so the girls were fired up. They really wanted to win, and that desire and motivation make a world of difference."

"We hit the ball well in the first three games, and I don't where that came from. We had struggled the past two weeks, but I'm real happy with the girls."

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Whenever Belleville West and Belleville East meet in softball, the

result is nearly always a close game — and Saturday was no exception.

West beat East 3-2 in the championship game of the 20th annual Cahokia Tournament. The Maroons, who lost to East in the League April 17, rallied from a 2-0 deficit with three runs in the bottom of the third and held on to win behind the seven-hit pitching of Casey Hunter. The freshman struck out six and walked two.

East beat West three times in the regular season, but the Maroons beat the Lancers in the regional championship game and went on to place fourth in the Class AA state tournament.

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Freeburg (10-12) bounced back from a 10-0 opening round loss to Belleville East to beat Gibault 2-1 in the consolation final. Freeburg scored

two runs in the top of the seventh. In the fifth-place game, Civic Memorial defeated Quincy Notre Dame 8-3.

Brian Harshany
Granite City coach

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Warriors split with Lancers

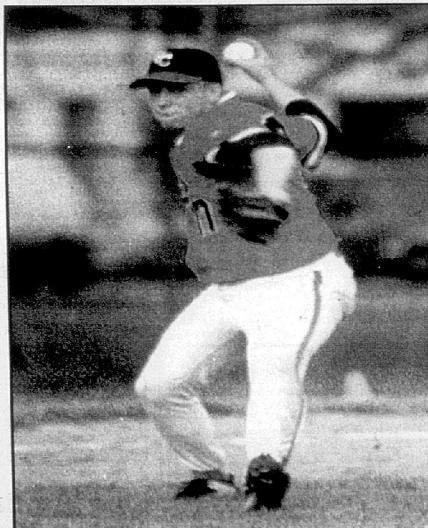


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Red-hot Warriors

The Granite City High School baseball team has won six of seven games — since a one-run loss to Edwardsville last week — on a recent hot streak to improve its record to 12-12 for the season.

ABOVE: Granite City's Scott Smallie runs down the third base line for a run in the Warriors' victory last week against Centralia. Behind Smallie is teammate Ted Millas, heading to the on-deck circle. AT RIGHT: The Warriors' Elliot Dine charges in from third to make the throw to first for an out against Centralia.



Depth keeps Warriors competitive in meets

By Bill Hester
Correspondent

Team depth has been the hallmark of the Granite City boys track team in recent years.

The Warriors have yet to win any big meets as a team, but they have been able to compete because of their ability to score in a lot of events.

In the Marion Tournament on May 1, for instance, Granite City was able to place in 16 of the 17 events to score 70 points.

"We can cover just about every event and cover it well," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "We are able to compete in almost every event."

These points can add up, although the Warriors have not had the top level finishes in many events. But a lot of that has to do with the competition they have faced.

"We have run up against the likes of East St. Louis, the Belleville schools, Edwardsville and O'Fallon," Briggs said. "And then we come across quality teams like Marion, Mount Vernon, Centralia, Murphy Woods and Carbondale in different meets. Those are very good schools."

Overall depth is the strength of this Granite City team, but if there is one area of strength this season it is the middle distances. The 4x800-meter relay team has done well all year and had a season-best time in finishing third in last weekend's Collinsville Invitational.

The good news is that the Warriors have a bright future in that event with sophomores Josh Peacher, Rich Skirball and Kevin Atkins leading the way.

Several different runners have been used as the fourth runner on the 4x800, including sophomore Erik Kambanian and junior Dennis Davis.

Whereas the Warriors are young in the middle distances, they are very experienced in the sprints with seniors Steve Mennenga, Rich Smith, Carl Moulton, Jonathan Goodwin and Dane Bauer and juniors Earl Clark and Steven Schroeder leading the way.

Clark, Smith and Moulton are also qualifiers in the 100s as is junior Nathan Nichols. Seniors Ryan Moneymaker and Steve Moss have been the top hurdlers while sophomore Bobby Rider and freshman Jerry Curtis are the top distance runners.

Sophomore Eric Kambanian has had a good season throwing the discus and Jeff Hard has been solid in throwing the shot.

Two other freshmen have made immediate impacts with the sprints and Jeremiah Beckley in the 400.

"This team has run against some very good competition and done well," Briggs said. "They have fulfilled expectations and gone beyond most of our goals. We have to focus now on getting the best chances to get through a very tough sectional."

The Warriors will compete in the sectional at Collinsville on May 22. They get a tuneup for that today when the Southwestern Conference Meet is conducted at East St. Louis.

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SPORTS

SIUE grouped in region with familiar opponents

GLVC foursome gathers in Edwardsville

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

To quote Yogi Berra "It's déjà vu all over again."

The same four teams that battled for the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament title last weekend are the same four squads battling this week for the NCAA North Central Regional crown.

SIUE hosts the GLVC tournament and the right to host the regional at Roy Lee Field, which starts 11 a.m. today and wraps up Saturday afternoon. The NCAA selection committee invited GLVC members Missouri-St. Louis, Indianapolis and St. Joseph's to the post-season party.

UML and Indianapolis kick off the double-elimination tournament 11 a.m. today.

No. 1 seeded SIUE faces St. Joseph's College at 3 p.m. The North Central Regional Tournament is one of eight four-team regional nationwide.

SIUE entered the regionals with a 35-13 record, winning 18 of their last 23 games. The Cougars have lost back-to-back games only twice all season.

The Cougars set a team record this season with 58 home runs, breaking the old benchmark of 48 set in 1981.

Senior centerfielder Mark Briggs also set a new mark for hits in a career with 263. He snapped Todd Carter's mark of 245 (1989-92). Briggs also established new career standards for at-bats, runs scored and runs batted in.

First-year second baseman Mark Bugger of Edwardsville leads the team with 75 hits and now holds the freshman record for hits in a season.

The pitching staff set a team new mark for strikeouts with 326.



SIUE's freshman Mark Bugger leads the team in hits and set a school single-season record for hits by a freshman.

SIUE's Jesse Bugger has been one of the leading hitters this season for the Cougars, the top seed for the regional.

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Granite City's Ismahan Mohsen (left) scored the tying goal and assisted on the game-winner as the Lady Warriors rallied to defeat Springfield Chatham 2-1 last Saturday.

Lady Warriors rally for ninth winBy Jason Sharp
Correspondent

In the closing minutes of Saturday's girls soccer game against Springfield Chatham, Granite City High School rallied with two goals to produce a 2-1 non-conference victory.

With barely 10 minutes left on the clock, Ismahan Mohsen tied the game with an unassisted goal. Just five minutes later, Mohsen fed Enika Todd for the game-winning goal.

"We came in right off the bus and took it in while we finally got into our game and were able to put it away," Warriors coach Gene Baker said. "Springfield doesn't give away games. It was nice to get it."

"Becky Boone had one of her better games for us," Baker said. "Our victory was the ninth of the season for the Lady Warriors, who were trying to bounce back from a 1-0 loss last Thursday. The Warriors are 9-3-2 and have lost just once to an Illinois team while battling a number of injuries this spring. (Amanda) Huber has been hurt, so we're looking to get her back next week," Baker said. "And Jennifer Willman had to miss some games because of stuff with the



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Granite City's Amanda Huber is expected to return from injury soon as the Lady Warriors try to get back to full strength in time for the postseason.

this week to work on conditioning and postseason preparations.

"This week off has given us some time to get into good condition," Baker said. "We're trying to hone our skills for

another (state) tournament berth. That's where we want to be."

Saturday's home game begins with junior varsity action at 11 a.m.

Kahoks slam MaroonsBy Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Talk about your Maalox moments.

Belleville West coach Chuck Hasenstab had to be seeking some kind of relief Tuesday afternoon at Arthur Fletcher Field in Collinsville.

Hasenstab watched the Maroons jump all over Kahoks ace Kenny "Big Country" Lutz for five runs in the top of the first inning. But then the Kahoks came roaring back for a 14-6 victory.

Actually, it may have been some medicine that caused Lutz to pitch his game in the opening inning.

"Kenny took a couple of aspirin and I think it upset his stomach," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said. "He struggled a little bit. Even so, he has had a tendency to struggle in the

first inning. He's kind of had a little first-inning blues and we've known that."

Lutz' stomach settled down to the point that he eventually retired 10 straight batters and was a perfect 4-for-4 with a pair of home runs — the first over the left field fence and to right field.

"I'd have to say that (Lutz) is in a league of his own right now. He's so strong," Hasenstab said. "We didn't make very good pitches either." Through Everything that (starter) Todd (Balitz) threw was up in the strike zone, and against good hitters, you're not going to get away with that."

Collinsville (16-7-6) blew the lead open in the bottom of the fourth. Lutz led off the inning with a solo shot to right. The Kahoks added five more runs in the inning.

Belleville West fell to 11-6 overall and 5-3 in the Southwestern Conference.

"I was very happy with the way we battled back," McFall said.

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run support in the second game, but for us to be successful those two kids have to pitch well."

The Warriors bounced back to the .500 mark at 12-12 with the win in the second game of the doubleheader.

Once 6-11, Granite City capped a five-game winning streak Monday with a 3-1 triumph at Belleville West.

Brewer, the hard-luck ace of staff for the Warriors so far this spring, picked up an impressive victory by going seven innings and giving up only one run on five hits and three walks. He struck out five.

Brewer also provided some offense, going 2-for-2 and striking a solo home run.

The Warriors put together 12 hits as Dine was 3-for-3 and Millar 3-for-4. Kamadulski and Smale each had one hit and one RBI.

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SPORTS

Just an average player

Sonnenberg credits Fletcher's coaching for bringing out the best in him

**By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer**

Ray Sonnenberg described himself as an average player that played for the great 1947-48 Collinsville High basketball team.

The 1947-48 Kahoks squad was 27-3 and lost to Marion 66-62 in the quarterfinals of the state tournament. "The team featured all-state senior Sam Miranda and junior Norm Schaufler, who garnered all-star honors," he said.

"We had a lot of fun. We went to school with the best kids, with the best teachers and we undoubtedly had the best coach," said Sonnenberg, who lives in Belleville today. "We had a lot of fun (Coach Vergil) Fletcher taught us values that our kids were raised by."

Sonnenberg has the utmost

respect for Fletcher. Sonnenberg's relationship with Fletcher is a special one.

"I was 16 years old in the fall of my senior year. My father got killed in an accident within two weeks of the beginning of the high school on Vandalia Street," Sonnenberg said. "We were practicing and someone came in and told Fletcher what happened. He gave me the keys to his car and said, 'Go on and go down to the hospital.' Unfortunately, my father got killed."

Fletcher was like a father to me. He took me to the state tournaments. When I went into the service in 1952, I had two brothers in high school. I went out to see Coach before I left and one of the things that made you love him.

"Don't worry about them. I'll take care of them until you get back." Those little things are

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Ray Sonnenberg
Collinsville graduate
on coach Vergil Fletcher

the things that made you love him.

Sonnenberg also liked Fletcher because Coach gave him confidence. Sonnenberg played in 64 varsity ballgames and averaged 8.3 points per

contest. He finished his career with 532 points.

"He had a way of getting the best out of kids and he was no-nonsense," Sonnenberg said, who spent 30 years working at the Belleville YMCA before retiring in 1989.

"My contribution to the team

was I worked hard. I didn't really have a lot of talent," Sonnenberg said. In fact, one of his businessmen in town told Fletcher I would stumble across the 10-second line and if (Fletcher) could make me into a basketball player, (the businessman) would buy him a car if that was not right, then stand corrected. I think because Fletcher had patience with me, I became a good high school basketball player."

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better than what you thought you could become that made him so good."

After high school, Sonnenberg received a football scholarship to attend the University of Illinois. However, the big campus life didn't appeal to him so he decided not to attend the university after a short stay.

He ended up receiving a football scholarship for St. Louis University, but soon found himself without a scholarship when the college dropped the football program. After that, he tried out for and made the St. Louis University basketball team and picked up a basketball scholarship to finish out his schooling.

From 1959 to 1969, he worked at the YMCA.

He loved it at the YMCA, he said. "It was the perfect job for me."



Ray Sonnenberg played for the 1947-48 Collinsville High basketball team that made the state quarterfinals.

Sonnenberg's part-time job put him on the field with NFL stars

**By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer**

What started out as a way for Ray Sonnenberg to earn some extra income parlayed into an interesting career.

Sonnenberg, a 1948 graduate of Collinsville High, spent 11 years as a head linesman in the National Football League. He stepped down from his position after a 1970 football season.

It was almost out of necessity that he got involved in officiating. Before he knew it, he had opportunity to work at the professional level.

"We have a large family. We have two sets of twin girls and three boys," Sonnenberg said. "At that time, I was making about 90 bucks a week, I guess. In order to earn some extra bucks, I started refereeing CYO games and stuff like that. I got to the point where I liked

it and I was lucky to get people to help me. I got into the Missouri Valley, where I officiated (college) football and basketball."

A guy scouting saw us at the Bluebonnet Bowl game and the NFL gave me an opportunity there. It was lucky that I had a wife that had good people help me no matter where I went and good things happened to me also."

One of those good things was being able to work in front of his family and friends every year, in while when he officiated a St. Louis Cardinals game.

However, he often traveled to other cities to work games.

"The things I enjoyed was the friendship I had with the guys I refereed with," Sonnenberg said. "Also, the opportunity to meet Tom Landry, Bart Starr, Jim Hart, Vince Lombardi, (George) Allen, John Madden and the guy down in Miami (Don Shula). There were a

lot of great people. Most all of them were really fine people. The players too, not that they didn't challenge you or cuss you out sometimes. They were very, very good — guys like Johnny Unitas, Raymond Berry. Those people were your heroes. When you get to walk on the field with them, it is a thrill."

Sonnenberg's position as a head linesman was an exciting position on the field. It was his job to watch the wide receivers, tight ends and running backs coming in with him in the position because he played end for the Collinsville High football team and played end at St. Louis University before school officials dropped the football program after his sophomore year.

His favorite game in 11 seasons as an official was an AFC playoff contest between the Miami Dolphins and Oakland Raiders in California.

"I think the lead changed hands a couple of

three times in the last six or seven minutes," Sonnenberg said. "That is when (Fred) Biletnikoff was an end. (Ken) Stabler was the quarterback. (Bob) Griese was the Miami quarterback. It was a mistake, the game was won on one of the last plays of the game. I think Dave Casper caught the ball in the end zone."

"I also remember Green Bay-Chicago games and Green Bay-Detroit games. They were big rivalries and interesting games. I remember the Frozen Dog games in the snow."

Sonnenberg's favorite player he enjoyed watching at the time was Starr.

"The combination of Raymond Berry and Johnny Unitas was amazing," Sonnenberg said. "Bart Starr seemed to me, have the complete support, respect and attention of everybody playing on that team. I think when he called a play those guys really believed it would work. That is a big advantage."

Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run set for June 13

The Warrior Pride Stride 5-kilometer run and 2-mile run is set for June 13 at Granite City High School.

The 5K run begins at 9 a.m. and the 2K event at 9:45 a.m. at the Fehling Road parking lot near east entrance to the high school.

Registration fees is \$9 before June 6; \$11 on race day. T-shirts will be included for the first 300 runners.

The event benefits the Granite City High School track and field team.

For information, contact Richard Kirball at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., Granite City, IL, 62040; or call 451-5808.

Soccer camps

The Southern Illinois Soccer League is hosting the Ultimate Touch International Soccer Camp, June 22-26 at the Van Fossen Soccer Field in Collinsville. The day camp, with instruction toward the serious soccer player ages 6 to 17. Proceeds benefit the SISL College Soccer Showcase. For information or an application, call Judy at 931-8207 or Carol at 652-1033.

Physicals offered

Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine will be offering physicals for athletes from Granite City and Collinsville high schools.

Cost is \$25 for the physicals, which are good for one calendar year and are accepted by the Illinois High School Association.

For Granite City students, physicals are set for May 20-21, beginning at 6:30 p.m. each day, in the physical medicine department at the Health Building, 2100 Madison Ave.

For Collinsville students, physicals are set for May 27, July 28 and July 29 at 800 St. Louis Road, Collinsville.

For information, contact Saint Elizabeth Sports Medicine at 758-5943.

Prairie State Games

Eleven teams in basketball, soccer and volleyball are now forming for the Southwestern North Region for the 15th annual Prairie State Games scheduled for June 26-27 in southwestern Illinois.

There are seven teams Open Men, Open Women, Scholastic Men and Scholastic Women — in each of the four sports. The Open division is for players beyond the 12th grade, while the Scholastic division is for players who are in grades 8-12 for the 1997-98 school year. A player must be either a resident of or attend school in the counties of Madison, Perry, Calumet, Bond or Fayette to be eligible for the regional team.

Players making the teams

SPORTS BRIEFS

Will compete against the state's 11 other region teams at the Finals, June 26-28.

The tryout fee is \$18, which includes a Prairie State Game shirt. To register, contact the tryouts can be processed at the time of the tryout. Any athlete younger than 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver.

The tryouts and contact person for each of the teams are: Basketball — Open Men (Jason Holmes — 659-1906), Open Women (Bob Emig — 630-1002).

Volleyball — Open Men (Rick Verdun — 658-7719 or 304-8188), Open Women (Missy Dorsey — 377-6987 or 656-0485); Softball — Open (Jeff Greenfield — 657-9412 at home or 657-6441 at work).

Volleyball tryouts are as follows: Open Women — May 31, 24 p.m. at Edwardsville Middle School, 1000 Main St.

The Prairie State Games, now in its fourth year in southwestern Illinois, is the state's largest amateur sports festival. Almost 6,000 athletes competed in last year's games.

For further information on the PSG, call the team contact person or Regional Director Bob Emig (632-1002 or 344-0984).

Lutheran Day

The 22nd annual Lutheran Day at Busch Stadium will be May 25, 1998.

The Cardinals will play 1:15 p.m. against the Colorado Rockies, followed by exhibition games involving the four local Lutheran high schools, including Metro East Lutheran.

Tickets are \$11. Some schools receive some of the proceeds for tickets they sell. Each school has 750 tickets available.

For information, call Sigmund Bohnet at 658-0043.

Momentum volleyball

The Belleville Momentum Volleyball Club's 16-and-under girls team will host its third tournament championship this season, taking the Belmo Blast 16 on May 3 in Belleville.

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The 16 squad has compiled a 28-3-2 going into the Great Lakes Festival and the Asics National Championship, to be held later this spring.

The 16s roster includes Christina Archibald, Kim Carpenter, Beth Hudnall, Kendra Samson, Carlye Statnik, Peggy Rasp and Kim Woolsey. Lynn Crawley is the coach.

The Momentum 14-and-under select team won the Belmo Blast 14 tournament May 10 in Belleville. Momentum defeated Kirkwood in the championship match.

Members of the Momentum 14s team include Hilary Bennett, Ashley Cleary, Lauren Hasenstab, Alicia Herzog, Jackie Morrison, Katelyn Panzau, Jennifer Spilman and Kelsey Warnings. The coach is Renzo Zanarosa.

Softball tournaments

The Tomahawks Softball Club is sponsoring the following tournaments:

• The Tomahawks Women's Open Fastpitch Softball Tournament, June 27 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with the Tomahawks guaranteed (weather permitting).

For more information, call 538-7738.

Metro FC Rangers

For the third and final matinee of the 1997-98 soccer season, the Metro FC Black Rangers U-10 boys beat the Fairview Heights Lightning 3-1.

The Lightning is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guaranteed to each team, with additional games for teams which do not advance to the championship round.

Registration fees are \$525 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

on April 26. It was the Rangers' third victory against the Lightning this season.

Two Rangers goals were scored by Casey Sonnenberg, with one by Ryan Eaker. Sonnenberg, a former Collinsville Krimminger and Adam Elke also provided excellent defense as goalkeepers. Other team standouts included Matthew Goss, Eric Pfeifer, Matt Chris Schmidt, Bryan Spa and Adam and Brad Schwarberg.

Baseball tournament

Fairview Heights will play host to the first National Amateur Baseball Federation Clasic National baseball tournament for teams ages 12 and under June 14-21.

The tournament is open to all and is seeking up to 32 teams to participate. There is a five-game minimum guaranteed to each team, with additional games for teams which do not advance to the championship round.

Registration fees are \$525 per team. For more information, call 609-931-9220.

Baseball days

The 1998 Fairview Heights Sporting Goods and Baseball Card Show will be held July 18-19 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

The show is in cooperation with the "World Baseball Days" celebration, which is part of the "AA" World Baseball Championship, to be held July 19-19 at Longacre Park. It is the highest youth baseball tournament in the world for players ages 15-16. Twelve nations from across the globe will compete for the gold medal.

The fourth annual Tomahawks Summer Sizzler Girls Fastpitch Softball Tournament, July 17-19 at Millstadt City Park. The entry fee is \$150 per team, with the Tomahawks guaranteed (weather permitting).

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Golf tourney

The sixth annual Collinsville Rotary Golf Tournament is Saturday at the Greek Golf Club near Edwardsville.

The 18-hole fundraising tournament is sponsored by the Collinsville Rotary Club.

Prize money totaling \$1,800 will be awarded to the top three finishers in each of three flights, according to tournament general chairman John Johnström.

Registration is \$75 per golfer. The event is limited to 36 four-player teams, a total of 144 golfers.

For entry information, call 345-9565. Entry forms are also available at local golf clubs.

Play Day

The Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 41st Annual Play Day, June 1 at Legacy Golf Course. Chamber members and pro-

spective members are invited to attend.

Events include golf (rambler, cookout, raffle and chicken), and plenty of prizes.

Fees are as follows: Cookout & Golf, \$70; Golf only, \$50; Cookout only, \$20. There will be a shot gun scramble.

Please call the chamber office at 876-6400 to make your reservations. Reservations are due by May 18. Payment is due by May 25.

BAC softball camps

Belleview Area College softball coach Kathy Bernal will conduct two softball camps this August.

Both camps will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the college's Belleview campus, 2500 Carlyle Ave. The first camp, Aug. 11-12, is for girls in divisions 5-8; and the second camp, Aug. 17-19, is for grades 9-12.

The cost of each camp is \$35. The limit per camp is 60 players. Checks should be made payable to BAC Softball Camp.

For more information, call 235-2700, extension 271.

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Johnson

THOMAS L. JOHNSON, 63, of Lake Wales, Fla., died Friday, May 1, 1998.

Mr. Johnson was born Dec. 30, 1934, in St. Louis. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (Goodwin) Johnson; two daughters, Vickie Timmons of Troy, and Vickie Timmons of Waukegan, Ill.; one son, John of Collinsville; half-sister, Kathy Holder; half-brother, Gary Johnson; step-mother, Lucy Johnson; three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Helen (Courtney) Johnson.

Services were Tuesday, May 5, at Thomas Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Robert Taylor

ROBERT C. TAYLOR, 61, of Granite City died May 11, 1998, at his residence.

Mr. Taylor was born Nov. 29, 1936, in Granite City. He was a member of the Moose Lodge 272 in Granite City and the VFW Post 7451 in Madison.

Survivors include his mother, Georgia Tellor of Granite City; three daughters, Deborah Taylor, Nancy Taylor and Terry Taylor, all of Ohio; three sisters, JoAnn Kubik, Georgia Richards, and Linda Knox, all of Granite City, and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Pickney; three brothers—John Taylor, William Tellor, and John Taylor; and one sister, Barbara Valencia.

Services will be 10 a.m. today, May 14, at Kassly Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Francis Tabunaga officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Jonna Casey

JONNA B. CASEY, infant, of Granite City died May 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Burial was born May 5, 1998, in Granite City.

Survivors include her parents, John and Heather Tellor-Casper, of Granite City; one brother, Jonna Casper of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Debbie Taylor of Granite City, Ken Winters of St. Louis; paternal grandparents, May Casey of Granite City; maternal great-grandparents, Phil and Shirley Heath of Louisville, Ky.; and Grace Wagner of Jacksonville, Fla.; paternal great-grandparents, Bo Wyatt of Murphysboro, and Alice Wyatt of Granite City.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville with the Rev. Alton Redfern officiating.

Orbie McNew

ORBIE L. "TOM" MCNEW, 66, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, in St. Louis.

Mr. McNew was born Oct. 15, 1931, in Carthage. He was a U.S. Army supply sergeant, who served in Korea and Vietnam. After retirement from the Army, he worked for eight years as a painter in Madison as a cobbler. He was a member of the English Club, #126 in Granite City, American Post 204 in Granite City, and the American Legion Post 113 in Granite City.

Survivors include his daughter, Tina Anders of Tampa, Fla.; one son, William McNew of Granite City; two sisters, Lucille Barkett of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Rose Winters of Granite City; two brothers, Don McNew of Granite City, and Ray McNew of Nashville, Tenn.; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma (Griffith) McNew; and three brothers, James McNew and Vernon McNew, and Paul McNew.

Services were Wednesday, May 6, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Paul Eastwood officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Carthage.

Memorials may be made to the D.A.V. or the American Cancer Society.



Marcella Ryan

MARCELLA "SALLY" RYAN, 61, of Granite City died Friday, May 8, 1998, in Norcross, Minn.

Mrs. Ryan was a floral designer with Willis Flowers. She was a member of the Work of Life Convocation and AKA Queenie on CB Radio. Radio listeners include her husband, Donald Ryan Sr.; one son, Donald Ryan Jr. of Granite City; one daughter, Linda Rorie of Granite City; one brother, David Pomeroy of Marion; one sister, Pauline Summerski of Pontoon Beach; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Violet (Porter) Lureen; and one brother, Lyle Porter.

Services were Tuesday, May 12, at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial will be in Wanda Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Edward Kofahl

EDWARD R. KOFAHL, 76, of Granite City died May 12, 1998, at Edgewood Care Center in Edgewoodville.

Mr. Kofahl was born June 11, 1922, in West Eminence, Mo. He was retired from Local 633 Carpenters Union as a carpenter. He was a member of the D.A.V. in Kansas City, Mo., and a U.S. Marines veteran.

Survivors include his husband, Everett Latham of Madison; three daughters, Rose Stinson of Hollywood, Calif., Rosalind Latham and Renée Anderson of Granite City; son, Willie Hatter of Detroit, Mich.; Charles Hatter of St. Louis, and Billy Ray Hatter of Madison, Wis.; one brother, Everett Latham of Rockford, Ill.; and Randy Latham of Madison; and Randy Latham of Atlanta, Ga.; three sisters, Suefron Daniels of Granite City; Mrs. Billie Bell of Milwaukee, Wis., and Carolyn Miles of Little Rock, Ark.; two brothers, Roosevelt Monk of Detroit, Mich., and Nels Monk of Granite City; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday, May 15, at Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Madison, with the Rev. Edward Williamson officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Branch handled the arrangements.

Mike Firtos

MIKE R. FIRTOIS, 79, of Washington, D.C., died Tuesday, May 12, 1998, at Edgewood Care Center in Edgewoodville.

Survivors include his son, Michael Firtos of Dallas, Texas; and two daughters, Karen Wenzel of Imperial, Mo., and Pam Kanciljan of Granite City. Mrs. Firtos was born in Granite City; eight grandchildren; children, David, Christine, James, Leah, Brandi, Stacy, Adriana, Steven, Leah, and three great-grandchildren.

Services are today, May 14, at Niebuhr-VII Funeral Home in Washington, Mo.

John Perry Sr.

JOHN C. PERRY SR., 77, of Granite City died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Perry was born Oct. 20, 1920, in Leadwood, Mo.

Mr. Perry worked for Ford Motor Co. as a millwright, was a member of the United Pentecostal Church and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Tina Anders (Perry); one son, John Perry Jr. of Granite City; one daughter, Judith Chabot of Granite City; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Nellie (Womack) Perry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, May 14, at the First United Pentecostal Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Lee Jackson, the Rev. Bill Sims and the Rev. Kenneth Reeves officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens.

Everett Nasalroad

EVERETT A. NASALROAD, 77, of Edgewoodville, formerly of Madison, died Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in Maryville.

Mr. Nasalroad was owner of Ed's Lock and Key in Madison, was a member of the Tri-City Shrine Club in Granite City, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7451 in Madison, Tri-City Veter-

ans Post.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley (Nash) Nasalroad.

Survivors include his daughter, Vickie Timmons of Troy; one son, William McNew of Granite City; two sisters, Lucille Barkett of Farmington Hills, Mich., and Rose Winters of Granite City; two brothers, Don McNew of Granite City, and Ray McNew of Nashville, Tenn.; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma (Griffith) McNew; and three brothers, James McNew and Vernon McNew, and Paul McNew.

Services were Wednesday, May 6, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Paul Eastwood officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Carthage.

Memorials may be made to the D.A.V. or the American Cancer Society.

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Camps, conducted from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, are divided into various interest levels:

ans Inc. in Granite City, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 149, AMWU Post 204 in Madison, and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Donna (Kohler) Nasalroad of Pontoon Beach and James Nasalroad of Troy; two daughters, Lindy Marie, of Edgewoodville; James Nasalroad; one brother, James Nasalroad; one sister, Ruth Stevenson; and nine grandchildren, parents, Noah Nasalroad and Edith Nasalroad Green; one grandson, Alex Nasalroad; and one sister, Pat Nasalroad.

Services were Wednesday, May 13 at St. Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church with the Rev. Andrew Moulton officiating. Burial was in Glen Carbon Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church.

Malinka Antonoff

MALINKA (SHEMERAJAN) ANTONOFF, 80, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Belleville. She was born June 20, 1917, in Ukraine.

Services were Wednesday, May 13 at St. Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church with the Rev. Andrew Moulton officiating. Burial was in Glen Carbon Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Cyril and Methody Orthodox Church.

Richard D. Carper

RICHARD D. CARPER, 64, of Pontoon Beach died Monday, May 4, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Quincy. He was born June 28, 1934.

Services were Thursday, May 7, at Werner Chapel with Rev. Tim Lewis officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Jonna Casey

JONNA B. CASEY, infant, of Granite City died May 5, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville with the Rev. Allen Redfern officiating.

Delphia

DELPHIA (MARTINEZ) BEERINGER-MCAULLEY, 79, of Fairmont City died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, May 12, at Kassly Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. David Wilke officiating. Burial will be in Mount Carmel Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Diabetes Association.

William Earnhart

WILLIAM "BILL" EARNHART, 66, of Cahokia died Saturday, May 9, 1998, at Collingsville Care Center in Edwardsville.

Services were Tuesday, May 12, at Maplewood Church of Christ in Cahokia, with the Rev. Dewayne Ray officiating. Burial was in Valley Hills Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to the Camp Ne-O-Tee Christian Youth Camp or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Braun Colonial Funeral Home

BAUN COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME, 1000 Main Street, Edwardsville, Ill., handled the arrangements.

Larry Garner Sr.

LARRY D. GARNER SR., 51, of New Douglas died Wednesday, May 6, 1998, at his residence.

Services were Saturday, May 9, at Leland Funeral Home in Livingston, with the Rev. Louis Kujawski officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Garner Family.

Audrey Holland

AUDREY I. (YOUNG) HOLLAND, 73, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Services were Wednesday, May 7, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hans officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Granite City.

Audrey Holland

AUDREY I. (YOUNG) HOLLAND, 73, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Services were Wednesday, May 7, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. James Hans officiating. Burial will be in Wanda Cemetery.

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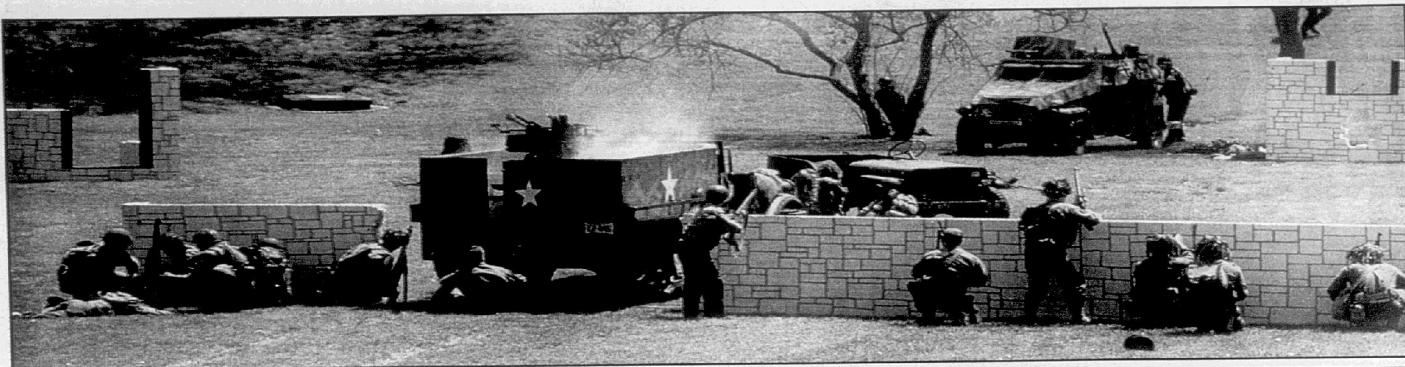
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PEOPLE



The good war

Battle honors
America's best

By Scott Kelly
Staff writer

Although the guns fell silent more than 50 years ago, several St. Louis area men and women want no one to forget who served in the war. On April 24-25, the Armed Forces Museum of St. Louis and numerous area re-enactors staged a battle at Jefferson Barracks National Park.

The two-day event recreated the fierce combat of 1944-45 as American and Allied forces slugged their way across Europe in the face of stubborn German resistance.

"That tribute is the best we can do for the men and women who served in the war," Venable said. "It affected more lives, and involved more people than any other war." Capt. Carol Venable, head of the Armed Forces Museum, told assembled spectators.

The scene last month was similar to those replayed in 1944-45, from D-Day to the war's end in Europe.

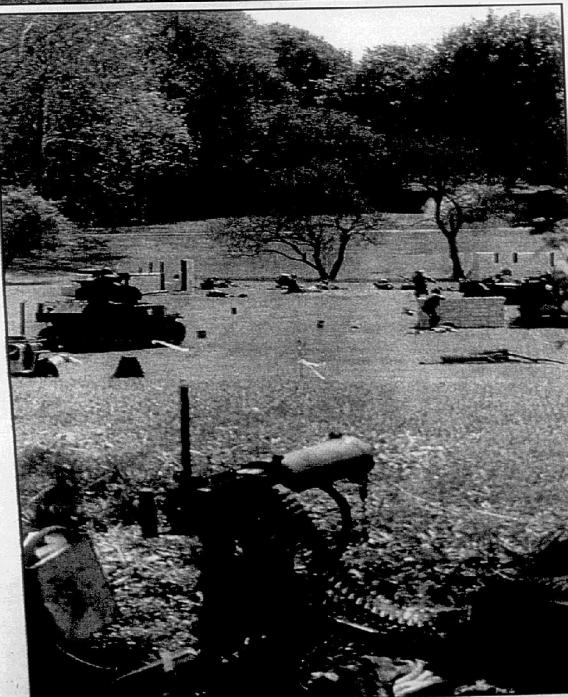
"For about three years and seven or eight months, day after day, this scene was repeated throughout Europe and other places in the world," Venable said.

In the re-enactment — a "standard battle scenario," Venable called it — veteran German forces, armed with little more than rifles, grenades and a single armored vehicle, tried to defend a position against well-armed and equipped American, Canadian and British forces determined to drive them from the field.

Allied soldiers advanced down a gentle slope. They were supported by a scout tank, a jeep, and two armored vehicles.

In the woods, a .50-caliber machine gun kept up a constant fire to keep the Germans' heads down.

The Americans and Allies eventually wore down the outnumbered German defenders. Both sides took "losses," but by the end of the fight, the German squad was utterly defeated.



Clockwise from left, a weary German soldier re-enactor smiles tiredly at his family as he exits the battlefield. A machine gunner's view of the battlefield. The re-enactors portraying Canadians fired this .50-caliber machine gun early in the battle to help soften up the Germans. Some of the hundreds of spectators search the battlefield for souvenirs. One of the museum's prized tanks. American troops advance on German positions. German troops line up before battle. In the real war, ambulances were kept busy transporting the wounded to aid stations.

**Photos
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FAMILY/SOCIETY NEWS**WEDDING**

Angela and Jason Nichols

Chism — Nichols

Angela Lynn Chism and Jason Paul Nichols were married on Saturday, March 14, at Cedarview General Baptist Church in Pontoon Beach. The Rev. Greg Dickerman performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Patricia and James Chism Sr. of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Linda and Terry Nichols of Mitchell.

Maid of honor, Naomi Nichols Siedhoff, attended the bride. Hannah Nichols was the flower girl. David Nichols served as best man. Alex Nichols Siedhoff was the ring bearer.

Ushers were Jim Chism and Danny Nichols. A reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall followed the ceremony.

The couple is currently residing in Mitchell.

ENGAGEMENT

Alissa Slater and Michael Lipchick

Slater — Lipchick

Alissa Slater, the daughter of Wanda and Michael Hendrix of Granite City, and Michael Lipchick, the son of Becky and Jerry Lipchick, also of Granite City, are engaged to be married.

Slater, a Granite City resident who graduated from Granite City High School, is a reservationist for Trans World Airlines in St. Louis.

Also a graduate of Granite City High School, and of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as well, Lipchick is the front office manager at the Best Western Westport Park Hotel in Maryland Heights, Mo.

A May 23 wedding is planned at Holy Family Church in Granite City.

Method helps families cope with disagreements

Every family has disagreements. Allowing children to help find solutions empowers them to solve future conflicts, said Linda Schwarzenbuber, a family life educator with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

Although parents have the final say on family issues, they can help children air views and take the responsibility for choices.

When family members disagree, Schwarzenbuber suggests a five-step formula for resolving the conflict:

Step one: To explore the problem. Encourage children to describe their own feelings rather than placing blame on the other person. Also, allow the other person to state the situation from his point of view. Make sure that everyone has adequate opportunities to describe their feelings.

Next, brain storming solutions. Accepts everyone's suggestions and try to find at least three potential solutions.

"Don't eliminate any solutions yet that seem silly or impractical," she said. "Sometimes, the unusual idea leads

to a usable solution."

The third step is to consider the positive and negative results of each suggestion. Next, decide as a family which will be the best choice. Agree to try that solution for a set period of time.

Finally, after trying the solution discuss whether it was satisfactory for everyone. When family members know they'll have a chance to reevaluate solutions, they're more likely to give them a chance.

This formula for resolving conflicts in the family can be used for large and small disagreements. It's in mind, too, as the process doesn't have to take a long time. When the family becomes comfortable with the method, it will become easier to use.

One important benefit of this method for creating solutions is that every one, including children, has the chance to participate. When allowed the opportunity, children gain skills and learn how to negotiate and make decisions. These skills will serve them well.

Home Leaguers meet for study, treats

Maxine Green

The Home League Women met Tuesday morning in the Salvation Army Hall. Captain Colip led the group in a Bible study of the third chapter of Proverbs. The study was on love, loyalty and commitment.

In addition to Captain Colip, those who attended were Ernestine Hahn, Gerta Bradley, Evelyn Bringer, Evelyn Miles, Exie McRae, Mary Szwinkinska, Joyce Moran, Jo Wilkins, Myrtle Howell, Doris Nelson, Mildred Lovejoy, Cleo Slusher, Marie Verbyrc, Celia Wright, Evelyn Kimberley, Linda Wooten, Scott, Norma Howard, Jeanne Bodie, Ruth Rupprecht, Dorothy Castleman, Naomi Russel, Pat Freese, Mildred Freese, Liz Griffin, Darlene Redding, Nina Hull and Mairin Rutter.

A lunch topped off with cherry pie, was provided. As a special treat, the next meeting will be a lunch at the Country Buffet. For transportation, call 451-7959.

The Fidelis Class of the Second Baptist Church met Monday afternoon in the home of the teacher, Mildred Cochran. The opening prayer was given

by Ruth Stagner. Ollie Richardson gave a devotional and read a poem. "Will You Pray?" was repeated. The 23rd Psalm and sang "Surely Goodness and Mercy Will Follow Me." Esther Wilson read a poem, "Because I Prayed."

Refreshments were served by Ruth Stagner, Myra Grote, Esther Wilson, Ollie Richardson, Amy Toney and the hostess.

Calvary Baptist Church, 3000 Washington Avenue, will have a special program at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 14. It will be Lady Dana Clifton and her niece, 8-year-old Emily Gardner, from Nashville, Tenn. The public is invited to attend the service and enjoy the beautiful music.

Calvary Baptist Church's Ruth Class held its May meeting in the home of Ilene Badgett. Phyllis Knight opened the meeting with a prayer, which was followed by the secretary's report, given by Ruth Dagon, and the treasurer's report, given by Pat Walls. Norma Ross spoke on "My Own Prayer" from "Reader's Digest."

They discussed taking stuffed toys and old jewelry and cookies to be used in Vacation Bible School slated for June 14-19. Dorothy Watkins reported sending six cheer cards, and also led the games.

Prizes were won by Ilene Badgett, Norma Ross and Ruth Dagon. President Ruth Walls, Phyllis Knight, Bernice Boyer and Lois Bivins. The June meeting will be at the Tomahawk trailer home near Pocahontas. There will be a barbecue and pot luck, and the husbands will be invited.

The Bunco Club met in the home of Melodie Bettis Tuesday evening. Edna Bennett won first prize, Carlene White-

head won second and Phyllis Higgins won third. Cindy Nughton won Snake Eyes, and Kathy Feldt won Booby Prize. Others present were Margaret Busby, Debbie Vincent, Robbie Wilson, Linda Arnold, Sally Kirksey and Vicki Royce.

The "Salute to Veterans" flag banner will be presented on Memorial Day, May 25, from 9 to 4 p.m. If you want to present your deceased veteran flag for the display, you must flag it to the office (Sunset) by Friday. Call 931-1420 or 451-6717 for further information.

The Homemakers' Class held its April meeting at Pizza World. A game was played and a prize awarded to Emily Happian. Others enjoy pizza refreshments were Carolyn Coyle, Karen Koenig, Linda Stanton, Donna Bryant, Paula Linville, Louise Sullivan, Marge Borth, Kay Andersen, Sherrill Clinard and Tina Lyons.

KIWANIS CLUB

Silver dollar award — On April 7, Randy Vollmer, left, president of the Granite City Kiwanis Club, presented Ellen Voyle, chairwoman of the Independent Reading Program in Granite City and principal of Niedringhaus School, \$0 silver dollars to be presented to winners who read 100 or more books each year through the sixth grade. Individual presentations will be done later at each local school. The Kiwanis Club's emphasis is on helping young children and donating time and funds to support local projects in the area.

19 new gardeners from area graduate from Extension school

Nineteen Master Gardeners from Madison and St. Clair counties recently graduated from the University of Illinois Extension's Master Gardener Training School.

They join 100-plus active Master Gardeners in supporting the work of the Extension's horticulture program. Graduates are available to answer questions from homeowners on

the topics of vegetable gardening, ornamental plants, small fruits, tree fruits, plant pathology, plant identification, environmental problems, herbicide use, insect control, soils and fertilization, annuals and perennials, and turf.

Master Gardeners are available to answer questions in the Madison-St. Clair Extension Unit offices from 9 a.m. to

noon Monday through Friday. Call the Madison office at 692-7700 or the St. Clair office at 236-8600.

Walk-ins are welcome in the Madison office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and in the St. Clair office Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Recent graduates include Ronda Anson and Robert

Decker, both of Maryville; George Bridgewater and Joann Michael, both of Highland; Ann Ellis and Rebecca Steiner, both of Godfrey; Steven Kossakowski, Jean Noll, Benna Phillips, Linda Johnson, Mary Ann Miller of Edwardsville; Craig Preidiger of Collinsville; Kathy True of Glen Carbon; and Melvin Unterbrink of Alton.

**Law and order**

— Belleville Area College recently held a graduation ceremony for Session 68 of the Police Academy. Eric M. Kary, left, receives his graduation certificate from Kenneth Joseph, a member of BAC's Board of Trustees. Kary serves with the Madison Police Department.

Eagles Auxiliary welcomes new members, officers

Pictured above with Eagle Auxiliary President Mildred Boyd are new members of the Auxiliary that were initiated on Feb. 10. They are Marcia Warren, Rhonda Niles, Kelli Mann, Dolores Taft, Christy Ann Kincer, Neva Benko and Dixie Knott.

One Eagle Grant for Meals on Wheels

President was read from the fire department asking for help with its Fire Safety Education program.

A motion was made on the

floor to donate \$300 to the Fire Safety Education program.

Flo Stokes will be excused from the next meeting due to a Scout meeting.

Susie Rogers was present and won the jackpot. Good of

the Auxiliary was Nina Jackson. She won both prizes.

After the meeting was adjourned, refreshments were served by Katie Kostoff and her committee.

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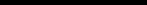
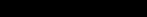
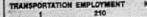
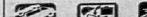
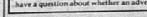
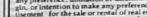
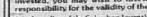
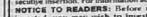
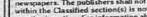
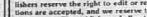
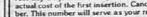
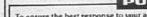
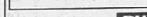
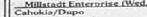
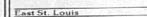
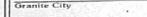
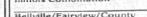
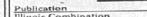
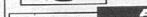
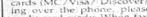
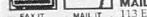
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PUBLIC NOTICE
GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the Granite City Park District is considering contracting with 3 qualified companies for the design and construction of the proposed improvements to be made in conjunction with 1993 Community Block Grant Funding. Supplemental Funding is also available for the Park District Administration Building rehabilitation project.

Contract for Qualification may be obtained at the Granite City Park District Office, 1000 Illinois Route 162, Granite City, IL 62240. All responses to this request must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, June 12, 1998 at the Park District Office, 1000 Illinois Route 162, Granite City, IL 62240.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Granite City, IL 62240, or in the office of the Probate Court, McDonough County Courthouse, Edwardsville, Illinois 62025, within six (6) months from the date of death or until the issuance of letters and claim not held within that period by the Probate Court, McDonough County, Illinois 62025. All claims must be marked "RECEIVED" to the Probate Court and to the attorney for the estate before they will be returned.

The Granite City Park District reserves the right to reject any and all bids which do not conform to the requirements of the bid documents.

Dates: 11th day of May, 1998

GRANITE CITY PARK DISTRICT
BILIEU L. SCHULER, SECRETARY

GCB#115/8/14

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for:

Fire Damage Repair at IL 158 Venice Homes, Venice, IL

will be received by the Madison County Housing Authority, 1609 Olive Street, Collinsville, IL 62234 until 10:00 a.m. prevailing time, Friday May 29, 1998 and will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following. A walk through inspection and pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Madison County Housing Authority's Central Office, 1609 Olive Street, Collinsville, IL 62234.

All bids are subject to the terms and conditions of this invitation, the terms and conditions of the specifications, bid documents and its attachments. The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to negotiate with the lowest bidders such changes in price and scope of work as may be necessary to achieve the best value.

Bid package may be obtained from Diane Henderson, Madison County Housing Authority, 1609 Olive St; Collinsville, IL 62234, 345-5142 ext. 13.

BY ORDER OF
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MC-615/13, 44 & 17

INVITATION FOR BIDS
FOR
TRACTOR POWER
FOR THE
ST. CLAIR COUNTY METROLINK EXTENSION
SERVED BY MC-615/232/233

The St. Clair Development Agency (Agency) is soliciting bids for the Tractor Power for the St. Clair County Metrolink Extension project. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation is 10%. DBE firms are invited to provide directly to the Agency.

This is a system-wide contract, where the work involves installation of electrical power distribution equipment and its attachments and the required interfaces to the utility substation. The contract will be awarded on a lump sum basis.

The traction power stations are rated at 1.5MW. The substation will be located at the St. Louis Metrolink station. The connection to the utility interface, prior to connection on the concrete pad, will be provided by the utility. The development of the physical support structures and distribution switchgear for 174 miles of track will be required. If this information is not provided.

Pre-Bid Conference: 6/1/98 Bid Opening: 7/18/98

Copies of the Project Manuals and Drawings may be obtained by appointment only beginning May 18 - 1998 Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Development Agency, 1000 Illinois Route 162, Collinsville, IL 62234. The Metrolink Document Control Department by calling Ms. Sandra Armstrong, Contract Administrator, at 618-285-2040. All bid documents and contract documents are \$25.00. This is non-refundable. Each bidder will receive one copy of the bid documents. Payment of the bid documents and contract documents should be made by cashier's check payable to St. Clair Development Agency, 1000 Illinois Route 162, Collinsville, IL 62234. Shipping costs are the responsibility of the requestor. Therefore, all requestors are responsible for their own shipping costs. Requests are required to provide Ms. Sandra Armstrong, Contract Administrator, at 618-285-2040. Mailed in requests will be returned, if this information is not provided.

Anticipated St. Clair County Metrolink Extension Construction Procurement Schedule

Construction

Bid Release Date

June 1, 1998

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